

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 19, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Tom Boyko, Jeff Ebbers, Ed Ghiglieri, John May, Don Nicholas and David Williamson.

Members Absent: Robert Bowden, Jim Buck, Matt Criswell, Bill James, Mike Martin, Lee Ricci, Bob Steenson and Barbara Whittier.

Guests: Rory Trumbore

Staff Present: Richard Durr, Greenways & Natural Lands Manager
Shorty Robbins, Parks & Recreation Manager
Kathi Clifford, Administrative Assistant

LOCATION: Seminole County Softball Complex
2200 North Street, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

TIME: Chairman Don Nicholas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There is NOT a quorum in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Mr. Nicholas introduced the guest, Rory Trumbore from unincorporated Seminole County. He volunteers at Natural Lands and wants to be an advocate for Natural Lands and Blueways & Trails.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Nicholas tabled the approval of the October minutes until there is a quorum.

COUNTY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT:

- Mr. Boyko reported on the recent Board of County Commission meetings as they pertained to the Leisure Services Parks and Preservation. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Durr and Ms. Robbins gave feedback.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Natural Lands Subcommittee Report:

- In the absence of Ms. Whittier, Mr. Boyko reported that the Subcommittee had a field trip to the Chuluota Wilderness Area this morning.

Trails Subcommittee Report:

- Deputy Brewer reported that Danny Trosset from Tourism showed the Subcommittee the Visit Seminole website.

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- Deputy Brewer suggested the possibility of Google Earth filming the river ways and trails.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

- Mr. Nicholas reported that the Subcommittee met at and toured Red Bug Lake Park. A new playground is being donated to Red Bug Lake Park and installed by the provider.
- The next meeting will be in January at Sylvan Lake Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. May expressed that his expectation was that Committee members were to weigh in to prioritize whatever and make recommendations. Discussion followed. Mr. Nicholas agreed and would like staff to address further at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Membership Advocacy** – In Mr. Martin's absence Mr. Boyko reported that Comm. Horan has appointed a new member, Robert Simmons, to replace Charlie Sloan and this should fill all vacancies on the Committee.
- **Website Advocacy** – Mr. May reported that his initial impressions after a review of the Visit Seminole website are that it appears to have been developed for out of town visitors and rather than local citizens and it could be more functional. Discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

There was no other business. Mr. Boyko adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.